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MARGINAL COLUMN
By GEORGE LEONOF

THE Western powers have been inching their way to the summit for all the world like a Himalayan expedition, inextricably roped together but still divided on how to assault the last forbidding crag to the peak. Leadership, however, remains firmly in American hands. For all the well-earned acclaim Mr. Macmillan has won in his spectacular reconnaissance mission, the course to be followed, it appears, is the one quietly and confidently traced by Mr. Dulles even before his visit to West European capitals, a courageous decision made, as it was, in the knowledge that in a few days he must undergo treatment for a grave illness. If the purpose of that visit was not altogether clear to the world at the time, it can now safely be assumed that the Secretary of State had tempered the attitude of Gen. de Gaulle, and particularly that of Dr. Adenauer, to his more flexible policy on the German problem. Mr. Macmillan's subsequent talks in Moscow were intended to probe, as far as possible, whether the basic assumptions of this policy — which is openly supported by the British Prime Minister himself — were sound. He seems to have come away from his conversations with Mr. Khrushchev reasonably assured that they are.

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IT was the U.S. Secretary of State who originally took the edge off the Berlin crisis when, at his press conference on November 27, he voiced the opinion that the West might deal with East German officials as "agents" of the Soviet Union if the Russians carried out their declared intention of handing over to Pankow control functions at the check-points for Allied military traffic between West Germany and Berlin. Mr. Dulles made it clear that such contacts with the East Germans, confined to this particular aspect of the Allied position in West Berlin, would by no means indicate any change in America's refusal to recognize the East German Government. Although Mr. Dulles had done no more than offer a tentative opinion in answer to a correspondent's question, his reply created a flurry in Bonn. It was felt that Mr. Dulles had prematurely made an important concession to the Soviet Union without getting anything in return.

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IN fact, the Secretary of State had made a realistic and astute appraisal of the situation, and one which was fully endorsed by both Britain and Canada. This was that, if the West was to make a stand, it should be with regard to their right of unhindered access to Berlin, and not on whether it be the Russians or East Germans who must not interfere. On this basic question Western unity and determination have never been in doubt, and it may be expected that Mr. Macmillan was not shy in emphasizing this point during his Kremlin talks.

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AT the same time, it was appreciated that Dr. Adenauer and the West German Government were more concerned than their allies that such a decision would add to the East German regime's political prestige, and for four months there was no further public reference to Mr. Dulles' statement. It has now re-emerged, unofficially, as part of what is described as a possible American long-range plan for the settlement of the German problem — this time apparently with Bonn's consent. The events of the intervening four months have confirmed not only that Mr. Dulles' "concession" was not premature, but that the effect it had of lessening East-West tension has already paid dividends. These have come in the form of Russian assurances that there would be no attempt to interfere with Western communications to Berlin, and that even the Soviet scheme for a "free city" of West Berlin does not preclude the retention of Allied troops in the divided metropolis.

Jerusalem, April 1.

LEAGUE MEETS TOMORROW

IRAQ SNUBS BID AT CONCILIATION

The political committee of the Arab League is to meet in Beirut on Thursday (tomorrow), as scheduled, to discuss the Iraqi situation, whether Iraq participates or not.

The Arab League's spokesman announced that the agenda would comprise the U.A.R.'s dispute with Iraq; the U.A.R.'s differences with Jordan and Tunisia, and Jewish immigration into Israel.

This was announced in Cairo on Tuesday by the Secretary-General of the League, Mohammed Abdul Khalek Hassouna, according to Reuter. He said that the political committee would act as a good office commission to smooth out differences between the U.A.R. and Iraq, rather than as a mediation committee. Lebanon, the Yemen, Morocco, Libya, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan and the U.A.R. are expected to attend.

Hassouna's announcement came after he had consulted with U.A.R. Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzy and several Ambassadors of League member-states.

Two hours earlier, Hassouna had announced his intention of calling an emergency meeting of the League Council to discuss the situation if Iraq did not announce by Tuesday night whether she intended to take part in the Beirut meeting.

Moroccan Premier Abdullah Ibrahim left Rabat on Tuesday for the League conference. Political circles in Morocco believe that when Ibrahim met with Tunisian Foreign Minister Sadok Mokkadem in Rabat on Monday to sign an economic accord, he urged him to reverse Tunisia's decision not to attend the Beirut talks. There was no indication, however, that Tunisia would, in fact, participate.

The Damascus newspaper "El-Ayam" said that anyone in Iraq who failed to display a picture of Premier Kassem over his door was immediately killed and had his property confiscated. The paper added that "the real ruler of Baghdad is Khaled Bakdash (the Syrian Communist leader)."

The Baghdad Communist paper "Ittihad Sha'abi" charged Nasser with concentrating troops and Beduin tribes in northern Syria, close to the Iraqi border, in preparation for an invasion bid.

The Jordanian paper "El Watan," in an editorial on Tuesday, suggested that the Arab countries close down their broadcasting stations and press for six months to give their listeners and readers a respite. "Never before has the Arab man-in-the-street been so nerve-wracked, so unsure of his very life, afraid of being dragged out into the street at any moment and cut to pieces."

U.A.R. May Reject Russian Aid

Anwar Saadat, Secretary-General of Nasser's National Union movement — the only political party permitted to function in Egypt — on Tuesday warned that the U.A.R. would rather reject Soviet economic aid than accept it with strings attached.

He said that the U.A.R. had accepted Russian aid because it was understood to be unconditional. Since it now appeared that there were strings attached, and the price to be paid was Communist penetration of Arab countries, the U.A.R. would have to consider rejecting this assistance.

Saadat added that the "present invasion of the Arab states by Communism" was far more dangerous than the 1956 Suez invasion, since the latter came from without but the former, assisted by Arab Communists, "comes from our own midst."

Saadat's declaration followed another anti-Russian speech by Nasser on Monday night when he told a parade of Egyptian tank corps units: "Before Khrushchev worries about democracy in the Arab countries, let him worry about democracy in the Soviet Union."

Nasser challenged "anyone" to prove that Russia offered Egypt any aid at the time of the 1956 Suez crisis. (The Soviet Union has continually maintained that she came to Egypt's rescue at the time.)

The Egyptian dictator added that at the time of the Suez invasion, Shukri Kuwatly, then President of Syria and a staunch ally of Nasser, held talks with Soviet leaders in Moscow. Nasser said, however, that it was "too early at present to reveal the nature of these talks."

Nasser said that he had originally hoped that the Arab Communists would pursue an independent policy. Later, however, it "became clear that they are merely the agents of the Russian Government."

(UPI, Cairo Radio)

Kassem Confers With Turkish Envoy

Iraqi Premier Abdul Karim Kassem conferred for over an hour and a half on Monday night with the Turkish Ambassador to Iraq, Baghdad radio reported.

Syrian Troops, Planes Hold Manoeuvres

DAMASCUS (AFP). — General Jamal Faisal, commander of the U.A.R. First Army, on Monday attended military manoeuvres somewhere in Syria, in which artillery, aircraft and armour took part, Damascus radio reported.

Faisal afterwards pronounced himself satisfied with the exercises and congratulated those who participated.

Hungarian Drunks Must Hand Pay to Gov't

BUDAPEST (UPI). — The Hungarian Government will confiscate the incomes of known alcoholics and the drunks will be put in charge of a state guardian, in an effort to curb increasing alcoholism, the Justice Ministry announced here on Monday.

A Ministry spokesman said the state would act as trustee of the confiscated money and would hand out only "necessary sums" to the wives and families of the drunks. He added that the action followed a complaint by the Budapest Women's Council about the rising alcoholism among Hungarian men.

Herzer relics being shown to the Queen of the Belgians (in white) and Mrs. Ben-Zvi by Dr. Yigael Yadin on Tuesday. (Story — Page 3).

Gala Reception for Queen

By MALKA RABINOWITZ, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first black-tie reception in Israel to be given by the President took place in the King David Hotel, Jerusalem, last night when some 130 of Israel's leading personalities came with their ladies to pay honour to Queen Elisabeth of the Belgians.

Invitations stipulated only that formal dress was desirable and that ladies must not wear black. A great variety in style was consequently in evidence, with long gowns and short afternoon and evening frocks, business suits and tuxedos mingling in the reception halls.

The Queen entered shortly after 8.30 with the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi. She wore a sweeping beige chiffon gown with a butterfly brooch studded with rubies, sapphires, diamonds and emeralds.

They took their seats (red velvet armchairs) in the centre of the hall with Mr. Ben-Zvi to the Queen's right, the Prime Minister to her left, Mmes. Ben-Zvi and Ben-Gurion, Foreign Minister Golda Meir and Mrs. Chaim Weizmann in the same row. Behind them sat some 40 State dignitaries and the Queen's own retinue. All other invitees stood on either side of the hall for the entire 90-minute reception.

In the first command performance to be given in Israel, Inbal danced "Yemenite Wedding" and a shepherd's dance.

The Queen then rose and the Chief of Protocol presented to her a select list of persons including Ministers; the President of the Supreme Court; the Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive; the Chairman of the Zionist General Council; the Chief of Staff; the Police Inspector General; Mrs. I. H. Herzog; the Mayor of Jerusalem; Mrs. Hanna Sprinzak, and the State Controller.

When his Ministers came by, Mr. Ben-Gurion with a smile added some introductions of his own to the Queen.

Followed by the Chief of Protocol, Queen Elisabeth then circled the room, stopping to chat with a number of persons, including the Inbal dancers.

As dinner guest in the royal suite, on Tuesday night, the Queen invited the police inspector in charge of security arrangements during her tour, Chief Inspector H. Breitenfeld of Tel Aviv Headquarters. After the seven-course meal, Her Majesty presented him with an inscribed portrait of herself.

During the afternoon, the Queen granted a private audience to a Jerusalem resident, Miss R. Moed, an employee of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, who came to thank Her Majesty for having saved her life in Belgium during the war.

Israel Dropped From American Special Aid List

WASHINGTON (INA). — Israel has been eliminated from the list of countries to receive special grant-in-aid assistance from the U.S. Foreign Aid Programme, and aid to Israel will now be confined to development loans and the sale of surplus agricultural commodities at reduced prices.

This emerged during a hearing of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the transcript of which became available on Tuesday. The Acting Director of the International Cooperation Administration, Mr. Leonard J. Saccio, told the Committee the grant programme benefitting Israel was terminated. He attributed the termination to Israel's economic progress, and said that future aid to Israel would consist of permitting her to buy surplus food at low prices and to obtain loans through the development loan fund.

Committee-member James G. Fulton (Pennsylvania; Republican) told Mr. Saccio that Israel was being sorely pressed militarily and economically, and with "the upsets that there have been in that area recently, it is a little hard for me to understand why they, as a people so loyal to us, are being left out of these programmes."

LAWSON RECOMMENDS SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

NEW YORK (UPI). — Mr. Edward B. Lawson, retiring U.S. Ambassador to Israel, arrived here on Tuesday aboard the liner Constitution, *en route* to Washington for reassignment.

He said that Israel had made important advances in agricultural production, in methods and results, during his more than four years there, and he recommended increased technical assistance for Israel industries.

Mr. Lawson said Israelis were not particularly concerned with the build-up of Communist power in Iraq because the Arab problem is much more pressing for them.

ROYAL TOUR OF CAPITAL TODAY

Queen Elisabeth's tour of Jerusalem this morning begins at 9.30 when she leaves the King David Hotel for the Schlesberg Vocational School on Rehov Hyrcanus. A stop at the Rabbi Kook Yeshiva across the street will follow at 10 a.m., after which the royal procession will make its way down King George Ave. with brief halts at the Knesset, Heichal Shlomo and Gan Ha'atzmaut. It will then proceed down the Gaza Road for Katamon Het, where the Queen at 10.30 will inspect the park and playgrounds. The party will then move through Macabat to Hadassah's Community Health Centre at Kiryat Yovel.

At 11.45, a wreath will be laid on Herzl's grave on Mt. Herzl, and the Queen will plant a cedar sapling nearby. At 12.15, the procession leaves for the Ben Shemen Children's village. In the evening the Queen will attend a gala concert of the I.P.O. in her honour at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv.

Moscow Says U.S., U.K. Sparked Tibet Revolt

Western Leaders Confer on Berlin

WASHINGTON. — The Big Three Western Foreign Ministers and West German Foreign Minister Von Brentano were due to open their talks on Berlin and the German problem in Washington late Tuesday evening.

The Acting U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Christian Herter, held separate informal talks with the three Ministers earlier in the day.

British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd arrived shortly before noon (local time) on Tuesday after being delayed an hour and 45 minutes on his transatlantic flight because of bad weather.

The Western diplomats will have before them the interim report of a four-power group of experts who have been studying plans for settling the German problem. Their talks are aimed at presenting a united Western front at the conference with the Soviet Union on May 11. *(Reuter, UPI, AFP)*

U.S. Fleet Reported Insufficiently Prepared

WASHINGTON (AFP). — A committee of civilian experts reported on Tuesday that the U.S. fleet is not in a sufficient state of preparedness.

The committee was composed of two industrialists, Mr. W.E. Blewett and Mr. L.H. Quackenburgh, and Professor R.E. Gibson, of Johns Hopkins University.

Their report, released in a censored form, urges the need to grant the fleet supplementary allocations for the maintenance and repair of warships.

It was announced here on Tuesday that six atomic submarines, equipped with Polaris missiles, are at present under construction in American shipyards.

U.S. Charges Plane 'Buzzed' Over Berlin

BONN (UPI).— The U.S. has protested the buzzing of an unarmed American Air Force transport plane by three Soviet jet fighters during a flight to and from West Berlin last Friday, it was announced on Tuesday.

The Soviets have countered with a protest declaring no American plane may fly above 10,000 feet when crossing East Germany to and from West Berlin, these sources added.

Budget Misses Deadline

Although the new fiscal year began at midnight, the Knesset did not manage to pass the 1959-60 budget yesterday. It is expected to pass today.

There is no law forbidding the Government to expend funds before the new Budget is approved. But is is understood that for the sake of good order, the Treasury will not expend any moneys today.

(Earlier Knesset reports—P. 5)

HAIFA. — Customs authorities here collected IL10m. in the past three days as importers and agents hurried to release their goods before midnight Tuesday, when the new tariffs went into effect, the Director of Customs, Mr. S. Gafni, stated.

The office remained open until midnight to accommodate the long line of agents.

Price Control On Newspapers Lifted

Control of newspaper prices is lifted as of today, the Ministry of Commerce has announced. *The Jerusalem Post* is, however, not raising its price — 150 pruta for the normal daily issue and 300 pruta on Fridays and for other special enlarged editions.

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Formosa Backs Down

LONDON (UPI). — Moscow Radio on Tuesday accused the U.S. and Britain of sparking the "reactionary" rebellion in Tibet. In an English-language broadcast monitored in London, the Soviet radio said:

"There can be no doubt that the threads of the plot in Tibet lead far beyond the borders of that area: the Chiang Kai-shek authorities in Taiwan (Formosa) are directly privy to it. It should likewise be mentioned that imperialist circles of the U.S. and Britain have long been hankering after the territory of Tibet. Ten years ago they drew up a plan for seizing this territory and turning it into their colony."

The broadcast added that "the reactionary rebellion in Tibet has been put down," claiming that only 20,000 persons out of a total population of 1,200,000 were involved in the rising.

"The plot was headed by a handful of local reactionaries upholding the interests of big feudal landlords," the radio said. "These reactionaries, some of them even members of the Tibet government, opposed in every way the gradual transformation of the present feudal serfdom regime in Tibet, in keeping with the will of the local people."

In Taipeh, the Nationalist Chinese Parliament on Tuesday adopted a watered-down resolution urging the Government to help the Tibetan anti-Communists. It rejected a draft proposal urging dispatch of Nationalist troops to the Himalayan state and rejected a suggestion to open a second front on the Communist-ruled China mainland.

Political quarters in Formosa said the Parliament struck out from the draft clauses calling for strong military aid to the Tibetan rebels because the House knew that the Government could not directly join the Tibetan fight.

The four-point resolution adopted unanimously by Parliament made no mention of troops and asked the Government to send to Tibet "persons with authority" rather than any army generals.

President Chiang Kai-shek was also asked to help consolidate all anti-Communist forces in Tibet and help extend the revolution to Communist China proper; give prompt and effective supplies to the Tibetan anti-Communists; and win international support for the Tibetans and bring their revolt before the U.N.

From Katmandu, Nepal, it was reported that armed Chinese Communist cordons have been placed around every monastery in Tibet to keep the monks under surveillance.

Peking radio, in a broadcast on Tuesday, admitted that the revolt was still smouldering and warned foreign nations — chiefly India — against interfering in China's "internal affairs."

The Foreign Office spokesman in London said that Britain "shares the concern that is being widely expressed" over the events in Tibet. He added, however, that Britain had not made any representations to Peking.

The spokesman also said that the British Government did not regard the situation at the moment as "a threat to world peace" that would warrant bringing it before the U.N.

Tibetans Want To Appeal to U.N.

NEW DELHI (UPI). — A former Prime Minister of Tibet, Lu Kang Wa, told a news conference on Tuesday that he hoped it would be possible for a Tibetan delegation to visit the U.N. to protest the Chinese ouster of the Dalai Lama.

The Tibetans, he said, will not recognize the Panchen Lama's regime and will continue to regard wherever the Dalai Lama may be as the seat of the Tibetan Government.

He said he did not believe the Dalai Lama is ill, and branded as forgeries the letters issued by the official Communist China News Agency as having been written by the Dalai Lama.

Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, Lu Kang Wa said, told a Tibetan delegation that it would not be possible to send an army to help them, but promised to try to assist through diplomatic means.

"The Tibetans have always been independent and will remain so no matter what difficulties we must face," he said.

DALAI LAMA EDGING TOWARDS SAFETY

KALIMPONG (Reuter). — The Dalai Lama, moving only by night, is expected to cross the Indian border to safety within the next few days, according to usually reliable sources here.

But the Chinese, with 50,000 troops out to capture him, are making a desperate bid to cut him off before he reaches the line and there is tense anxiety among Indians and Tibetans in India lest his bid for freedom may yet fail.

Planes and paratroops are being used in the hunt.

The Lama is accompanied by his mother and sisters. His progress along the 350-kilometre route to safety is slow, but it is now believed that reports that he has been injured are incorrect.

Madagascar Flood Death Toll May Reach 3,000

TANANARIVE, Madagascar (UPI). — Swollen rivers began to recede on Tuesday, gradually revealing the full extent of last week's cyclone-and-flood disaster, the worst in Madagascar's history which hit the island last week.

Fifty persons are known to have died, and Premier Philibert Tsiranana estimated that the final toll may run to something between 2,000 and 3,000 dead.

The French Navy and Air Force are bringing in emergency supplies as rapidly as their facilities permit, but there is still a deadly danger of famine and disease on the flood-soaked island.

Half of Tananarive is still under water and more than 50,000 persons have been made homeless.

FOOD PRICES SOAR IN JORDAN

Jordan will have to implement strict price control unless there is a drop in the present high price of foodstuffs, the Director-General of the Ministry of Economy declared in Amman on Tuesday. He blamed middlemen for the "unprecedented" price rise. *(Ramallah Radio)*

Meir Briefs House Foreign Affairs Body

Foreign Minister Golda Meir on Tuesday briefed the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee on current political problems and reported on her talks with foreign political leaders during her recent trip to the U.S. and France.

Controller Finds Greater Readiness to Remedy Faults

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The State Controller, Dr. S. Moses, has found shortcomings in financial administrative management in all Ministries investigated during 1957/58, it is learned from his ninth report tabled in the Knesset on Tuesday.

In his reply, also tabled in the House, the Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol, stated that he has taken steps to rectify defects, and also explained the reasons for certain acts taken by the ministries. Mr. Eshkol's 130-page report explained the reasons for most of the defects pointed out by the Controller.

The Controller's 460-page report covers his operations in all Ministries, State-owned business enterprises and national institutions such as the Bank of Israel, the National Insurance Institute, and the Local Authorities. It also includes studies of Israel's water problems, the Ministry of Labour's Housing Department, and Israel's participation in international fairs and exhibitions.

Dr. Moses released a separate report on the defence organization, where he also found defects that have resulted in financial loss to the Treasury.

The Controller told a press conference in Jerusalem that his report includes many "serious" findings, but he stressed that there is greater readiness than hitherto on the part of the ministries to remedy faults.

Replying to questions, Dr. Moses explained that he believed his job is not only to pinpoint specific problems and defects, but also to provide general background material which could provide the reasons for shortcomings.

That is why, he added, his report included such subjects as water problems, Government property and its management, and a review of problems affecting the Housing Department.

Budget accounting is defective in the Finance Ministry, the Controller pointed out, because the Treasury credits the Budget with anticipated revenues while it often spends more than stipulated under the Budget Law. The Treasury also frequently transfers expenditure from one item to another — not authorized by Budget Law.

During 1957/58, an item of sundry income amounting to IL7.5m. was spent on subsidies without this having been authorized in the Budget Law passed by the Knesset. In the same way, the Treasury spent IL45.5m. on "Activities to Encourage Exports," when its authorized expenditure for this item was IL40m. The extra amount for which there was no budgetary provision was put down as an advance to the Government outside the Budget's scope.

Some of the money under this item was also spent not for the aim of spurring exports laid down by the House. The Treasury gave El Al IL3m. without specifying the purpose of the allocation, while the Israel Embassy in Paris received IL90,000 for the purchase of a house.

Regarding the activities of the Treasury's Accountant-General, the Controller states that an inspection in the first half of 1958 showed that the Treasury received loans in dollars from Ampal — the Histadrut Investment Corp. — and gave loans in local currency to Israel firms under the same conditions it was expected to repay Ampal.

In 1953, according to this arrangement with Ampal, the Treasury gave Mekorot a loan of $2.25m. and agreed the water company would repay the loan in 12 annual instalments. The Treasury paid Ampal the $2.25m. by October 1957, while Mekorot repaid the Treasury only IL468,000 on account of the loan. There was no budgetary provision, the Controller stated, for the payments that were made to Ampal over the receipts from Mekorot and they were written down as "advances" in the books.

The Controller also pointed out two more instances in which the Treasury had waived its right to charge interest on loans it had granted with no good reason. The Treasury had granted loans totalling IL1.3m. to the Accadia Hotel while the budget allowed IL720,000. Thus IL580,000 not specified in the budget were loaned by the Treasury, which charged these loans to "advances" it had received outside the scope of the budget.

Income Tax 'Smooth'

Reviewing the Income Tax Department, the Controller's report had relatively little to point out, and in his press conference Dr. Moses extolled the efficiency of this Department, and said that it works smoothly and with only minor defects.

Referring to the Customs Department, the Controller bitterly attacked arrangements for handling cars of tourists that have been confiscated. He pointed out a number of cases in which senior Government officials have been given priority in acquiring such cars under favourable financial terms without tenders being issued in these cases.

The Controller stated that the Ministry of Defence in one case asked that a war invalid with a 67 per cent disability rating be allowed to purchase a car from a tourist. The request was rejected and the tourist was

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Defence Ministry Cheated by Firms

In a special report on the Security Establishment, the State Controller touched on several cases of budgetary irregularities.

In one, he pointed out that the receipts of the Ministry of Defence exceeded sums approved by the Knesset by approximately IL2m. This was derived from sources other than regular approved Treasury allocations.

The Controller points out that this budgetary surplus should have been transferred to the Treasury instead of being reserved for the unauthorized use of the Ministry of Defence.

In another case, the Ministry was given an additional allocation of IL91m. to offset the repeal of its exemption from customs duties. The difference between this sum and the duties the Ministry paid in 1957 came to about IL6.7m. which should have been transferred to the Treasury instead of remaining with the Ministry, the Controller declared.

Various aspects of procurement also came in for criticism, especially in cases where the Ministry was outrageously short-changed by various suppliers. In this connection the Report refers to an investigation into the sugar content of preserves supplied to the Army by private suppliers who had been given sugar allocations for that purpose. The investigation showed that in three cases the sugar content of the preserves was between 12 and 25 per cent lower than that stipulated and in one case 35 per cent lower.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

NAPLES.— A twin-engined American Navy transport plane — a Douglas DC3 — crashed as it was taking off from Naples Airport on Tuesday night, killing four persons and injuring 13 of the 21 aboard.

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Social & Personal

Foreign Minister Golda Meir gave a luncheon on Tuesday in honour of the former Venezuelan Foreign Minister and Mrs. Rene de Sola. It was attended by the Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol; the Minister of Transport and Mrs. Carmel; the Venezuelan Minister, Dr. Romulo Araujo; Dr. and Mrs. George Wise; Mr. and Mrs. Reuven Barkatt; Mr. Walter Eytan; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Fisher; Mrs. Rachel Tov; Mrs. Elga Shapiro, and Mr. and Mrs. Shmuel Kapel.

Mr. and Mrs. de Sola on Tuesday visited the Jerusalem Municipality where they were received by Mayor Gershon Agron. On Monday, they were the guests of Judge and Mrs. Gad Frumkin.

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The Minister of Health, Mr. I. Barzilai, on Tuesday received Mr. F. Ballard, head of the executive committee of hospitals of the British National Health Service.

The British Labour Attache and Mrs. J.R.W. Parker gave a reception at their residence in Zahala on Tuesday for Mr. Austin Albu, M.P., and Mr. Harold Chudleigh, Commissioner of Labour in Cyprus, as well as for the members of the Socialist youth seminar. Among those present were the Ambassador of Great Britain and Lady Rundall; the Ambassador of Canada, Miss Margaret Meagher; and the head of the Histadrut Political Department, Mr. R. Barkatt.

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The Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Mrs. M. Tsour entertained to lunch at the Kings Hotel on Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Romi Goldmunz. Also present were the former President of the Belgian Parliament and Mrs. C. Huysmans, the Mayor of Antwerp and Mrs. L. Graeybeck, and the former Belgian Minister of Interior and Mrs. D. Mendler.

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Dr. Dov Joseph, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, on Tuesday received Mr. Edward Glazer, U.J.A. campaign chairman of Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. Glazer; and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Newton.

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Members of the delegations from Belgium that came to Israel specially to attend the dedication of the Queen Elisabeth Institute of Archaeology at the Hebrew University, were the guests of honour at a luncheon given by the University's President, Prof. B. Mazar, after the ceremony on Tuesday.

Dr. Israel S. Wechsler, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, and Mr. Theodore Raymond Frye, Second Secretary of the American Embassy, were guests of the Bar Ilan University on Monday.

Mr. Bernard Bloomfield, President of the Canadian Association for Labour Israel, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Histadrut on Monday at Beit Lessin in Tel Aviv. Greetings were extended by the Histadrut Treasurer, Mr. Y. Haskin, and the Director of the American Histadrut Centre, Mr. I. Hamlin.

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Mr. Hermann Abs, a leading West German banker who is here on a private visit, toured Beersheba on Tuesday and was the luncheon guest of Mayor David Touviyahu.

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The President of the Jewish Community of Zurich and Mrs. W. Wreschner on Tuesday visited the Sha'arei Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem.

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The weekly luncheon of Jerusalem Rotary will be addressed at 1.15 p.m. today (Wednesday) at the Y.M.C.A. by Prof. Kenneth Olson, Dean Emeritus of Northwestern University's School of Journalism, who will speak on "The American Press in American Life."

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The Annual General Meeting of the Jerusalem Branch of Hitahdut Olei Britannia will be held at 8.15 tonight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.N. Williams, 10 Balfour Street. The programme includes a showing of the film "Follow the Sun."

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MEMORIAL MEETING

On the occasion of the second anniversary of the death of Mordechai Narkiss, a memorial meeting will take place at 8.30 tonight at the Bezalel National Museum, with a eulogy by Dr. Joseph Leron, Chairman of the Society of Friends of the Museum, and a lecture by Dr. Leo Kadman on the subject "Numismatics and Historical Research."

Girl Scores Possible In Gadna Shoot

Eagle-eyed Ruth Barkatt, 16, of the Petah Tikva Municipal secondary school, last week won first place in a regional marksmanship contest, scoring all possible 65 points. The contest, organized by Gadna, is a stage in the annual national championships.

The Petah Tikva school was winner for the Central District, while the Geula secondary school placed first in the Tel Aviv District.

82% of Pupils Go to High Schools

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The proportion of Israel elementary schoolchildren going on to secondary education is among the highest in the world, according to a recent survey of the Ministry of Education.

Of the pupils finishing elementary school in the 1957-8 school year, 82 per cent continued their schooling. Of these 66 per cent entered regular secondary schools, including kibbutzim and labour settlements' schools which are the equivalent of the secondary schools except that they do not hold matriculation exams; 22 per cent went to vocational training secondary schools, and 12 per cent went to agricultural secondary schools.

The proportion continuing their education was a three per cent rise over the preceding year.

The number of pupils in vocational schools rose both absolutely and relatively, but could be still higher if these schools were expanded, the report stated.

Reasons for Increase

The reasons for the increase, according to the survey, were the various Ministry schemes, such as the graded school fees system for secondary schools, the introduction of the lower "Norm B" examinations for certain categories of children, pre-vocational training in elementary schools to facilitate entrance to vocational secondary schools, and auxiliary lessons for elementary pupils needing them.

Despite these figures, the Minister of Education, Mr. Zalman Aranne, has submitted a bill for a limited form of free compulsory post-elementary education with the Minister having the authority to determine its application.

The bill is aimed at the 18 per cent who are not receiving any post-elementary schooling, the Ministry of Education spokesman, Mr Uri Oren, declared.

Most of these children were in the development areas, and presumably did not continue their education because of their parents' unwillingness rather than lack of means, which would be taken care of by the graded fees system.

In the past, some offers of reduced secondary school fees to eligible pupils had been declined.

First 'Radio Vaudeville' For Arabs in Nazareth

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Over 400 Arab radio fans Monday night attended the first "Radio Vaudeville" to be broadcast in an Arab town. It was held at the Nazareth Y.M.C.A.

The two-hour programme included sketches, intelligence and music quizzes, and dramatic and musical performances, presented by the special troupes and bands of Dar el-Iza'a el-Israelia.

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Where to go

• **Meet the Israeli:** — Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

JERUSALEM

• **Zoo:** — Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, 8-6.

• **Film Shows:** — Israel Films daily, 11.30 a.m. Keren Hayessod Hall.

• **Theatre:** — Habimah: "The Merchant of Venice," Edison, 9.

• **Tours:** — Boys' Town Jerusalem, Bayit Vegan (opp. Mt. Herzl): Conducted tours to a Democracy of Youth, Vocational Schools: our youth preparing for the future. Call 62268.

Hebrew University Conducted tour in English, daily at 12 noon. New University Campus.

Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting at 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.

• **Exhibitions:** — Scraperboard Drawings by Bernard Bisco (Bucharest). Nora Art Gallery, 9 Ben Maimon Ave., 10-1; 3-6.

Exhibition of Modern Art in Israel, Artists House, 10-1; 4-6.

Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Special exhibition: New finds from the recent excavations at Jaffa, 9-1; 3-5.

• **Bezalel National Museum:** — 9-1; 3.30-6. Permanent exhibition of Jewish ceremonial art; Paintings by G. Pol. Georghiou (from Cyprus): Paintings by Ernest Neuschul-Norland (from England); Great artists as book illustrators: Purim exhibition (prints); Archaeological exhibits and examples of primitive sculpture.

TEL AVIV

• **Israel National Opera:** — "Madame Butterfly," 8.30.

• **Theatre:** — Cameri: "A Doll's House," 8.

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• **Exhibitions:** — Annual General Exhibition of Israel Artists. Sponsored by the Israel Painters and Sculptors Association. Tel Aviv Museum — Beit Dizengoff, 16 Rothschild Blvd., 10-1; 4-7.

Exhibition of seventeenth century Dutch art, Helena Rubinstein Pavilion of the Tel Aviv Museum. Closing April 7. 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

• **Zoological Gardens:** — Open between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.

• **Z.O.A. House:** — Tourist Service (9 a.m.-9 p.m.)

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HAIFA

• **Tourist Service:** — Hadassah Club, Youth Aliya Offices, 22 Rehov Hehalutz, Tel. 67955.

• **Exhibitions:** — Paintings by Y. Rasgour, recently returned from Paris. Continuing: Part of Exhibition of Painters from Haifa and the North. Chagall House, 24 U.N.O. Ave., 10-1; 5-8 (except Fridays).

• **Theatre:** — Cameri: "Tonight We Improvise," Armon, 9.

KIRYAT HAIM

• **Theatre:** — Habimah: "A Touch of the Poet," 8.

RAMLEH

• **Theatre:** — Ohel: "Five Finger Exercise," 8.30.

Synagogue Group 'Captures' Haifa Water Supply Co-op

HAIFA. — Control of the Mt. Carmel Water Supply Co., a cooperative society with property worth at least IL3m., was captured by a group of religious members associated with the Central Synagogue of Mt. Carmel in a surprise vote at the annual general meeting last week.

For many years the company's rising fortunes and prosperous finances have been controlled by a committee of 13 unpaid members headed by Mr. J. S. Baharaw. Under a rotation system four members retire each year, but may stand for re-election. This was a regular practice, except when new candidates were co-opted on the proposal of the continuing members. The annual meetings were attended in the past by only a handful of voters. House owners or representatives of cooperatively owned houses (*Batim Meshutafim*) qualify for membership in the society.

Last Thursday's meeting was swamped by a group of "insurgents" who evidently had set out to gain control of the society. They first denied the chairmanship to the veteran of the office, Mr. N. Heth, advocate, and elected their own candidate, another advocate, Mr. Y. Halevy. Then they voted for an explosive motion to increase the number of committee members to 18.

Quit as Protest

At that point the committee leader, Mr. Baharaw, resigned in protest against the unprecedented refusal of a general meeting to re-elect any member of the "old guard," and left the hall. The eight continuing members, outnumbered, proposed to adjourn the elections, but were defeated. They too then walked out. The victorious bloc promptly voted in their 10 men. They declined to accept Mr. Barahaw's resignation from his stewardship.

The Mt. Carmel Water Co. not only owns a valuable water supply network, complete with pumping and storage installations, but also derives substantial revenue from new supply contracts with property owners. For connection to the network, owners of building lots are charged 250 pr. per square metre, and owners of buildings 750 pr. These rates, Mr. Baharaw pointed out, were still below those charged elsewhere in Haifa. In the budget year that ended on Tuesday, the company signed the highest number of contracts since 1950.

Voted for Synagogue

Last year, the committee voted IL88,000 of its accumulated funds towards an ambitious project to built a Synagogue at the highest point of Central Carmel, to be known as "Heikhal Eliahu." The synagogue is to compete with such Carmel landmarks as the Baha'i Shrine and the Carmelite Convent. Plans for the project are still incomplete and its ultimate cost not yet known.

Also in 1958, the congregation of the Central Synagogue approached the Water Supply Co. for a contribution for the planned expansion of its own synagogue on Sea Road. Negotiations broke down, although it is not clear over what particular issue, giving rise to ill feeling. The congregation started on the scheme without support, but ran out of funds and had to halt construction.

The surprise coup at the Thursday's general meeting was the latest stage in the dispute, and the two parties may now have to sit down in an effort to reach a compromise on funds and synagogue building.

The company is now negotiating with the Municipality, which wants to amalgamate all the various networks into one city-controlled water supply authority.

Technion to Study The Ionosphere

HAIFA. — An ionosphere checking station, the first in this part of the world, and constituting a link between similar stations in India and Italy as part of a world study, is now being set up at the Technion. A 21-metre-high antenna, rising out of the pine forest on Mount Carmel near the Einstein Institute of Physics at Technion City, indicates the site of the laboratory being built to house the recorder.

The instrument, on loan from the American Bureau of Standards, will transmit impulses upward into the sky with the speed of light. Upon reaching the ionospheric layers of the atmosphere, the impulses will be reflected back to the station. The fraction of time elapsing between the initial transmission and the return echo will indicate the height of the ionosphere at that time.

The ionosphere is composed of a series of invisible layers, each many kilometres thick, lying from 60 to 400 km. above the earth. It is created by solar radiation acting on the earth's atmosphere, resulting in the creation of masses of free electrons and free ions. The layers shift in distance and change in thickness. A constant check on their behaviour is required for their effect on radio transmission.

Relay Point

The ionosphere serves as the relay point off which radio waves bounce back to earth. Without it radio waves would continue skyward and be lost in space.

The information collected at the Technion Ionosphere Measuring Station will be plotted on an international chart of ionosphere data which is being collected by stations throughout the world. The studies will be made both by day and by night, as well as at all seasons of the year, in an effort to arrive at certain predictable patterns which will aid the science of radio wave propagation.

The Technion scientists who will man the recorder and chart its messages will also study the correlation between disturbances on the sun and radio blackouts, which appear to be caused by sun spots and flares. There will also be close cooperation with the Technion study group in the field of cosmic rays, to determine correlation between cosmic ray showers and the state of the ionosphere.

Head of the Division of Physics which carries on this research is Prof. Kurt Sitte. Other Technion staff members who will be directly involved in the ionosphere research are Dr. C. Altman and Prof. N. Robinson.

Israel Physicist At Int'l Conference

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An Israel physicist will deliver one of the main addresses at an international scientific conference which opened yesterday in New York. Prof. William Low, of the Hebrew University Department of Physics, was invited as one of the chief speakers at a conference to be attended by scientists of the U.S., the U.S.S.R., Britain, France and Holland.

Prof. Low's research on para-magnetic substances suitable for master operations in the very short frequency ranges have brought him world renown. His report to the conference will be one of four opening talks together with two U.S. scientists and a Soviet one.

The conference, the first of its kind, is sponsored by the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force, the U.S. Defence Department, the Institute of Radio Engineers and the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.

The millimimetre range is a virtually unexplored field and research into it is of practical value as regarding communications as well as to the fundamental physical aspect.

Prof. Low, a Canadian immigrant in his middle thirties and an orthodox Jew, has been swamped with invitations to lecture in the U.S. and Canada during his visit. He has responded to some, including those from the Bureau of Standards, Washington; the National Bureau of Standards, Canada, and the Lincoln Laboratory of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Montand Leaves

LYDDA AIRPORT. — The French singer, Yves Montand, and actress wife, Simone Signoret, on Sunday were given a rousing send-off by a large crowd of fans when they left for France by El Al after two weeks in Israel.

M. Montand expressed the hope that he would return "soon," and promised that he would then give performances in rural centres and settlements. (Itim)

Israel Display For U.S. World Fair

By JESSE ZEL LURIE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — Israel is to participate for the third successive year in the U.S. World Trade Fair — the world's biggest commercial fair — in New York from May 8 to 19, it is announced here. In addition, a travelling exhibition will tour major trade fairs in Los Angeles, Portland and Chicago between April and July.

The Israel national pavilion at the World Fair will occupy 2,232 square feet on the second floor of the New York Coliseum and will provide a showcase for the products of some 80 companies. It will display the products which Israel is already marketing in America, as well as new items for which distribution is sought.

The goods will range from knitwear, food and diamonds to plateglass, raw chemicals, cement and carbon paper. Tourism will also be among the "export goods" promoted.

The 72 by 31 foot pavilion, designed by Abba El-Hanani, will also portray Israel's development and achievements, while brisk business is anticipated at a souvenir shop featuring gift articles and ceremonial articles.

The pavilion will be directed by the Israel Company for Fairs and Exhibitions, with the co-operation of the Israel Trade Commissioner in the U.S.

The travelling exhibition will visit the California International Trade and Industrial Exposition in Los Angeles from April 1 to 12; the Oregon Exposition and International Trade Fair in Portland, from June 10 to 24; and the Chicago International Fair and Exposition from July 2 to 18.

The mobile display will illustrate Israel's progress in pictures and products in an attractive island-type layout of approximately 1,000 square feet. The exhibit consists of seven lively showcase units and three 12-foot high towers containing plexiglass cases.

The goods on show will include clothing, books, jewellery, stamps, shipping and banking services, wines and building materials.

The travelling exhibition is being sponsored jointly by the Israel Offices of Information, the Tourist Corporation, and the Trade Commissioner.

Jerusalem Youth Found Dead in Water Cistern

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The body of an 18-year-old secondary school student, Nahum Munsa, was recovered from a water cistern on Tuesday morning in the courtyard of his home in the Beit Yisrael Quarter of Jerusalem.

It is learned that he had been receiving treatment for a nervous ailment at a local clinic for several months, and that he had been depressed lately in connection with his studies.

The youth left the house early Tuesday morning and failed to return. In searching for him, his father noticed that the water cistern was uncovered. He called the police who, with the aid of the Fire Brigade emptied the cistern and found the body.

A 7.5 PER CENT reduction will be granted to all Jerusalemites who pay their 1959/60 rates during April; during May the reduction will be only 5 per cent.

Queen to Hear Duo Pianists in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV. — Pierre Luboshutz and Genia Nemenoff, the noted duo-pianists, will make their first appearance with the I.P.O. at the Festival Concert being given in honour of the Queen of the Belgians tonight (Wednesday) in Tel Aviv. Thereafter the pianists will be the soloists of the eighth Subscription Concert under the baton of the Israel conductor, Garry Bertini.

Mr. Luboshutz was born in Russia, which he left in 1922, while Mme. Nemenoff was born in Paris of Russian parents. They met in Paris while pursuing their respective careers and got married in the U.S., where they have been living for more than 20 years. Mr. Luboshutz says they decided to team up at the suggestion of their impresario, Sol Hurok, who asked why they should spend so much time saying goodbye to each other when embarking on separate concert tours.

The suggestion was a good one. Since then the Luboshutz-Nemenoff team has appeared with all the major American orchestras, made frequent European tours and are rated among the world's top duo-pianists.

In Israel they will introduce the Concerto for Two Pianos by the contemporary Czech composer, Bohuslav Martinu. The work is dedicated to them, and they premiered it in 1943 and have since performed it throughout the world.

Prior to their arrival here they had been appearing with the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Symphonies and gave a series of recitals in Boston.

This is the team's second visit to Israel. They were here in 1952 on a recital tour.

SGAN-NITZAV Shamai Zohar, former head of the Economic Department at National Police Headquarters, has been appointed to head the C.I.D. in the Southern Police District.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM
3.30, 6.45, 8.45

ARNON: La Chatte (The Cat)
EDEN: High School Confidential
OR GIL: Around the World in 80 Days, 5, 8.30
ORION: The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad
ORNA: Sing Boy Sing
RON: Camp on Blood Island
SEMADAR: The Witches of Salem
ZION: Northwest Mounted Police
TEL OR: Eine Frau die Weiss Was Sie Will
EDISON: Marjorie Morningstar
STUDIO: The Old Man and The Sea

TEL AVIV
3.30, 7.15, 9.15

ALLENBY: Jacobowsky and the Colonel, 3.30, 7, 9.30.
ARMON DAVID: Opernball
CHEN: Teacher's Pet
EDEN: Love Letter, 3.30, 7, 9.
ESTHER: Tea and Sympathy
GAT: Is Your Honeymoon Really Necessary?
MAXIM: Waterloo Bridge
MIGDALOR: Seven Thunders
MOGRABI: The Guns of Fort Petticoat
OPHIR: The Same Sky Above Us
ORION: The Girl from Sweden
PEER: Gun Glory.
SHDEROTH: The Opposite Sex
TAMAR: La Grande Strada Azzura
TCHELET: The Last Time Saw Paris.
TEL AVIV: A Streetcar Named Desire
YARON: The Safecracker
ZAFON: Spring in Paris
ZAMIR: Orders to Kill

HAIFA
3.30, 6.45, 9

PEER: The Two-headed Spy
ARMON: Charmants Garcons
EN DOR: Great Day in the Morning.
ORLY: God's Little Acre
MORIAH: Arsène Lupin, Gentleman Burglar
AMPHITHEATRE: The Inn of the Sixth Happiness, 5.30, 8.30.
ORAH: The Perfect Furlough
ATZMON: The Brothers Karamazov.
ORION: Hot Summer Night
GAL OR: The Sins of Wanda
MAY: Christine

RAMAT GAN
3.45, 7.15, 9.15

RAMAT GAN: Les Jeunes Maris

Tel Aviv Stock Market

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Pop. Loan 1949/60	101
4% Comp. Loan 56/67	713
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser 3	99
2½% Comp. Loan e)	611
3½% Tavel Dollar	961
4% Reg. Sterling "A" e)	100½
Def. Loan Bonds 6½% f)	102
6½% Def. Bonds f)	103
6½ Def. Bonds g)	102
6½% Loc. C. Debs. f)	101
6½% Loc. C. Debs. g)	100
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Ldn.)	305
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ditto g)	111
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6½% Deb. 58/65 f)	101½
ditto g)	105½
8% Deb. 59/68 f)	100½
ditto g)	101½
Igroth 6½% Deb. 58/65	102
Rassco 6½% Deb. 58/64	
Class "A" f)	103
Class "B" g)	107
Rassco 6% pref. ord. sh. b)	82
Bk. Leumi ord. sh.	160
Bearer Savings Cert. '59	99
Bk. Leumi Investment Ord. sh. "B" reg. d)	103
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"Kurdaneh" ord. "B"	826
8% con. debt. 59/68	82
"Teva" ord. sh. a)	804
Pal. Cold. St. (IL10.-) reg.	120
Bitzur 4% debs. 56/65 reg.	934
Nir 8% pref. sh.	906
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh. d)	90
6½% Debs. 61/68 f)	104
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	831
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CHURCHILL. — Burglars stole diamonds, rubies and possibly furs from Sir Winston Churchill's London house on Monday while the butler was out. Sir Winston is on holiday in the south of France and Lady Churchill was out of town at the time.

LYDDA FLIGHTS

ARRIVALS: El Al 406, from Istanbul, 1630; El Al 204, from N.Y., Paris and Rome, 1850; K.L.M. 525, from Amsterdam and Rome, 2130; Cyprus Airways 188, from London, Rome, Athens and Nicosia, 2140; Air France 138, from Paris and Rome, 2300; T.W.A. 800, from N.Y., Paris, Geneva, Milan, Rome and Athens 0050 (Thur.); Swiss Air 330, from Zurich and Athens, 0100 (Thur.).

DEPARTURES: Cyprus Airways 33, for Nicosia, Ankara, Istanbul, Rome and London, 0825; El Al 407, to Istanbul, 0900; Air France 137, to Rome and Paris, 1045; El Al 417, to Rome and Munich, 1300; El Al 211, to Brussels London and N.Y., 1500; Air France 138, to Teheran, 2400.

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FIRST PROGRAMME
522, 240 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.30, 7.00 and 7.58 a.m. 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m.

English: 2.00 p.m. **French:** 2.15 p.m.

6.30 Religious Service (R). 6.37 Exercises. 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 7.17 Morning Melodies. 8.00 Close Down.

11.00 a.m. Popular Concert: Meyerbeer: Overture and March from "L'Africaine"; Weber: "Konzertstueck" for Piano and Orchestra; Gluck: Dance from "Orpheus"; Nicolai: Overture "The Merry Wives of Windsor"; Moussorgsky: Gopak; Gliere: Russian Sailors' Dance; Strauss: Egyptian March. 12.00 Women's Programme. 12.15 Lunchtime Music. 1.00 Light Music, played by the Kol Yisrael Orchestra. 1.45 "Where to Go?" 1.50 Light Music. 2.30 Close Down.

4.30 p.m. Special Foreign Language News Broadcast. 5.05 Popular Songs and Melodies. 5.30 Oriental Music. 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.30 Talk by Dr. Y. Hermann. 6.45 Hebrew Language Corner. 7.20 "Ron Ami." 7.35 "Regavim" — Agricultural Bag. 7.55 Cantoral Request Programme. 8.25 Medical Science. 8.50 Bible Reading: Jona, Chap. 3 & 4. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 "The Weavers." 10.00 Vocal Recital by E. Sussman (Soprano), at the Piano: M. Lustig: Honegger & Roussel. 10.30 Light Music played by Y. Oppenheimer (Accordeon). 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
460, 292.7 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 Israel Composers: Yehuda Wohl: "Discussions" for Piano and Orchestra (First Performance): Soloist: Frank Pelleg; Conductor: Shalom Rikils-Ronit: Ram Da-Oz: Capriccio for Piano, played by Frank Pelleg. 6.30 Mishna Lesson. 6.50 B'Ohalei Torah.

7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Yemenite. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Rumanian. 9.15 Hungarian. 9.30 Polish. 9.45 News in English. 10.00 Close Down.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
497 & 41.07 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 5.30-7.15 a.m. 1.15-2.15 and 5.30-11.15 p.m. Persian 5.15 p.m.

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Programme to the U.K.: 10.15 News. 10.25 Topical Talk. 10.30 Newsreel.

ARMY PROGRAMME (216, 225 & 235 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Request Favourites. 7.00 News. 7.15 Troupe Songs. 7.30 Light Music Quiz. 8.00 "Among the Flags." 8.30 Jerome Kern — The Composer. 9.00 News. 9.15 Weekly Symphony Concert. Works by Beethoven. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (19.66, 16.86, 13.92, 13.82 M.): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News. News Talk. Matters of Jewish interest.

MUSIC U.S.A. (19 & 25 M.): Voice of America: 9.00-11.00 p.m. Light Music & Jazz.

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by John Osborne

Today's Postbag

The Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy to fair.

	A	B	C	D
M. Canaan	71	5	26	16
Tiberias	73	13	24	25
Haifa Port	69	12	20	20
Natanya	68	13	20	27
Tel Aviv Kirya	61	11	18	20
Tel Aviv Port	66	15	18	19
Lydda Airport	64	8	20	21
Jerusalem	42	7	17	19
Beersheba	57	6	21	23
Sdom	29	12	26	27
Eilat	24	10	28	29

*A) Humidity at 5 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Raphael Konen, Treasurer of the Sports Federation of the Ivory Coast, to take part in the International Workers Sports Convention opening in Tel Aviv on Saturday, at the invitation of Hapoel, (by Air France).

Dr. Walter Jacobson, medicinal production expert who has acted as adviser in Burma, from Rangoon, (by Air France).

Mr. Benjamin Saltstein, of Milwaukee, accompanied by Mr. David Herman, for a study tour under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal.

The Chicago Young Executive group for a 12-day tour, under the auspices of U.J.A., comprising: Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Shure, Mr. and Mrs Bernard J. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Allen A. Levine, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Edidin, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin M. Neiburger, Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold Wexler, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Silverman, Mr. Lee Schooler, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard H. Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin J. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Annes, Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Lovenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard I. Wishner, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Vainder, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rodmen, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Axelrad.

Mr. Abe Kay, member of the Board of Governors of Israel Bonds in the U.S., and Chairman of the U.J.A. in Washington, accompanied by Mrs. Kay and Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Greenberg.

Rabbi and Mrs. Jacob Polish, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis, Bond leaders of Forest Hills, N.Y.

DEPARTURES

Rav-Aluf Ya'akov Dori, President of the Technion, for South Africa, for a three-week visit, (by El Al).

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool and Mrs. Harry Livermore, for Europe, after a 10-day visit as guests of the Jewish Agency, (by El Al).

Mr. Georgs Chilaiah, of the Ghanaian Ministry of Agriculture, for Rome en route home, (by Alitalia).

Mr. Shimon Waxman, Honorary Treasurer of the Junior Chamber, for Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, to attend the ninth Asian Congress of the Chamber, (by Air France).)

Dr. A. Feuerstein, of "Habocker," accompanied by his wife, for the U.S., for a lecture tour on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, (by El Al).

Sgan-Aluf Dov Eshkol, for Europe, on behalf of the Development Loan, (by El Al).

Dr. S. Hurvitz, State Controller of Denmark, for home, after a 12-day visit, (by Alitalia).

Mrs. Yetta Mann, prominent Zionist worker from Southport, England, after a six-week visit, (by s.s. Theodor Herzl).

THE DEAD SEA Works Ltd. reported on Tuesday that their production of potash for the first three months of 1959 reached 27,000 tons, 5,000 tons above the same period last year.

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ISRAEL RAILWAYS' 13 diesel locomotives and the 12 self-propelled unit trains have all been equipped with radio sets, enabling them to maintain contact with the despatching centre.

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ALL REQUESTS for loans from the Development Loan should as of today be forwarded to the Committee on Requests from the Development Loan, the Israel Industry Institute, Zim House, Rothschild Blvd., Tel Aviv.

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TWO MANAGERS of a football pool, Shaul and Nissim Katzen, are to be brought before the Tel Aviv Magistrate today when the police will request their detention on suspicion of having defrauded the public.

Safad Girl, 16, Dies After Stomach Ache

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — A 16-year-old girl, Sima Ben-Moyal, died here on Monday night after complaining of a severe stomach ache. When she came home from the cinema, she asked for a cup of cocoa before going to bed. A doctor, who was called at one o'clock in the morning, found her dead. The body was taken to Rambam Hospital in Haifa for an autopsy.

648 SHEEP STRAY OVER JORDAN BORDER

BEERSHEBA. — Police reported that 280 sheep valued at IL20,000, belonging to a local Beduin tribe, strayed over the Jordanian border in the vicinity of Chirbet Barak on Monday.

The previous day 388 sheep, also belonging to Beduin, strayed over the border.

The Jordan Mixed Armistice commission has been informed.

RATION NEWS

April sugar rations for children holding Aleph and Bet series ration books. 1.5 kg. per child at 405 pruta per ration.

Unemployment Lowest In History of State, Says Namir

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The rate of unemployment in 1958 was the lowest since the establishment of the State, Minister of Labour Mordechai Namir said yesterday, when he opened the Knesset debate on his Ministry's budget.

He said that while the population in the past three years increased by 250,000, the percentage of the labour force seeking work dropped from 6.1 per cent at the end of 1955 to 4.9 per cent at the end of 1958. The absolute figures for these dates were 39,100 and 35,800 respectively.

Mr. Namir attributed the improved state of employment last year mainly to industrial and building activities. In agriculture, industrial crops played an important role. The area under cotton, for example, grew from 47,000 to 60,000 dunams and supplied about 320,000 work days. In so doing, it in effect changed the entire labour climate in the country by reducing the slack season in agriculture.

Flats for Rental

Referring to the report of the Lehmann Committee, which he had appointed to study proposals for the encouragement of private investment in the construction of flats for rental, Mr. Namir said he would recommend to the Government that:

(1) If there is foreign or domestic capital prepared to invest in building for rental for low-income families and new immigrants, such capital should receive all the benefits of the Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investment;

(2) A study should be made to determine whether municipal rates on buildings of this type are not too high.

Mr. Namir said that about one million persons are now living in State housing projects. Of the 220,000 housing units built by the Government and the Jewish Agency, about 80,000, or 37 per cent. were built in the past three years. In 1958, however, the number of units built was 20,000 less than the 1957 figure.

The ma'barot population was reduced by 50,000 persons in the past three years, Mr. Namir said. Ma'barot consisting of canvas and tin huts have been almost entirely liquidated and no longer constitute a problem. A three-year plan for the liquidation of wooden-hut ma'barot was in the course of implementation. There are still over 12,000 families living in these ma'barot, in addition to 3,500 families in former British army buildings.

The budget for new immigrant housing is based on an anticipated immigration of 80,000 persons this year. A total of 23,500 units for immigrants is planned for the coming year, of which 3,000 units will be in new immigrant settlements, the Minister said.

He said that it has unfortunately been necessary to reduce the standard of immigrant housing this year, with expenditure per unit dropping from IL6,000 to IL5,000. There was no avoiding the fact that small flats were no solution to the housing problem of growing families. In the course of time those families who improved their economic position would move, with the danger that the housing estate would turn into a slum.

The Minister of Finance wished to reduce the housing standard still further, Mr. Namir did not see how this was possible: it was even doubtful whether his Ministry could stick to the standard it had already been compelled to accept. He had appointed a committee to study how to cut down on costs while maintaining a decent minimum standard. Mr. David Touviyahu, Mayor of Beersheba, is chairman.

The Minister said that the situation is serious in many new towns designed to serve as service centres in agricultural areas, because the creation of sources of employment is not keeping pace with the population.

Here the problem was not economic alone; there were also social, cultural and educational aspects. Still being debated, for instance, was the question of what the communal structure of these towns should be: was it better to have all the residents of the same ethnic background, or was a variety of "communities" more likely to result in rooting the new immigrants in the town?

One vital necessity was that the Histadrut functionaries, secretaries of labour councils and labour exchanges, and teachers, as well as doctors, nurses, factory directors, and civil servants, should live in the locality. Flats for such persons were included in the Ministry's housing plans, Mr. Namir said.

1 in 4 Workers Is a Woman

A recent survey revealed that one-fourth of the country's gainfully employed are women, the Minister of Labour told the Knesset yesterday.

They were employed in the following fields, among others: education, health and social welfare services, 21 per cent; other professional and technical jobs, 20 per cent; farming, 16 per cent; office workers, 15 per cent; industry, 13 per cent; and trade and selling, 11 per cent.

'Farm Season Worst Ever'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The present agricultural season was unmatched for its bad weather, Mr. Kadish Luz, the Minister of Agriculture, told the Knesset yesterday. He was opening the debate on his Ministry's budget. Farmers had not had such a disastrous year since many years before the establishment of the State, he said.

The farmers' lot was made all the more serious by rising production costs and reduced profits, owing to over-production in various branches of agriculture. The serious turn of events in meat and milk producing branches called for a revision of plans and increased efforts and cooperation by both farmers and the Government, he continued.

The problem of continually rising production costs and falling market prices was the main difficulty now confronting the agricultural economy, the Minister declared. He ticked off a list of various production factors, such as fertilizers, insecticides, and water for which the Israel farmer was forced to pay much more than the world market price.

Main Difficulty

He quoted Dr. A.G. Black, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization farm economy expert, who found that the average cost of water for irrigation in Israel was from three to four times as high as in the U.S.

Mr. Luz noted that the average farmer earns only 74 per cent of what the average non-farmer earns. He added that while real per capita national income increased by 24 per cent between 1954 and 1957, it increased by only 15 per cent in the agricultural sector. The problem was especially serious in the dairy and poultry branches, he said.

THE JUNIOR Chamber of Tel Aviv-Jaffa is planning to launch its own fund-raising drive in aid of Hanshil Polio on Saturday.

'Public Must Share In Social Work'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Israel public lacks any deep feeling that aid to the needy is a fundamental, moral and social obligation, the Minister for Social Welfare, Mr. Peretz Naphtali, charged on Tuesday.

Speaking in the Knesset on his Ministry's budget, Mr. Naphtali made a plea to the general public for increased participation in social work. The experience of many countries had shown that this was not a matter that could be left to the State alone.

The Minister praised the volunteer organizations which are active in various fields — such as aid to the blind or to ex-prisoners. But the work of such organizations had to be expanded. Unfortunately these groups had an abundance of goodwill, but a serious shortage of funds.

Referring to his Ministry's inadequate budget, Mr. Naphtali said he had only one thing against his predecessor, Mr. Moshe Shapiro: in all these years he had caused no Cabinet crisis or even threatened one over the Social Welfare budget.

'Minister's Fund'

On the subject of the special "Minister's Fund" set up by Mr. Shapiro, and which he had abolished, Mr. Naphtali said that when he entered office, the balance in this fund was around IL17,000.

With the approach of Passover, the Ministry has received many letters from various persons, extending holiday greetings and also complaining of their straits and requesting aid. Some of these letters were actually on printed forms to which the senders had merely added a few words.

Mr. Naphtali said he had been told that the custom had been to reply to such requests by expressing thanks for the holiday greetings in the Minister's name, and enclosing a check for IL10 — without any examination of the merits of the case.

Ministry to Remain

There was no truth to rumours that the Ministry was about to be liquidated, Mr. Naphtali declared. Even if all the recommendaitons of the Director-General of the Minister, Dr. G. Lotan, were carried out — and this had not yet been decided — less than five per cent of the Ministry's staff and less than five per cent of its budget would be transferred to other Ministries.

Speaking in the debate, Mr. Frija Zuares (National Religious) urged the Minister to restore the "Minister's Fund." Aid to the needy before Passover was a fine, traditional custom, and the obligation applied not only to the individual, but to the public in general. Surely the Minister did not think that the writers of the letters were not in need.

Critical Wage Talks Today

Post Labour Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Heads of the Metal Section of the Manufacturers Association, its Labour Department, and leaders of the Metal Workers Union will this morning (Wednesday) hold one of the most crucial meeting of the 1959 labour negotiations, *The Jerusalem Post* learned.

The Council of the Section on Tuesday night approved the policy of its managing committee. The employers are offering the Union a "consolidation" of their fringe benefit claims totalling a three per cent rise. The policy was formulated against the wishes of the Association's Labour Department.

At today's meeting the Union is expected to notify the employers whether it accepts their offer. The Labour Committee of the Association will then decide whether to approve the section's independent policy. The Committee has conditioned acceptance on the Union's decision.

Five Per Cent Rise

It is understood that under Mapam pressure, the Mapai heads in the Union will press for a five per cent rise. Histadrut Trades Union circles told *The Jerusalem Post* that its leaders have given the green light to the Union to fight for a rise "but within the framework of the Histadrut's official wage policy."

The importance of the metal industry within the framework of the negotiations over the renewal of the biennial collective labour contracts lies in the fact that other industries, especially textiles and food, are awaiting the outcome of today's meeting before making any further moves in their own spheres. The Histadrut may compromise on a four per cent rise.

TWO COURSES for swimming pool and seaside lifesavers are to be held in April by the Ministry of Education's Physical Training Department.

Queen Elisabeth Dedicates Archaeology Institute

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Queen Elisabeth of the Belgians yesterday afternoon inaugurated the Hebrew University's Archaeological Institute bearing her name at a ceremony attended by Israel's leading archaeologists.

The Queen cut a blue-and-white ribbon at the entrance to the handsome stone and glass structure, built on a hillock opposite the entrance to the University. It was constructed with a contribution of Frs. francs by Belgian Friends of the University.

Dignitaries of the State, the diplomatic corps and religious leaders gathered at the campus for the occasion. The first part of the inaugural ceremony was held in the Wise Auditorium, where the President welcomed to the Capital the "first halutza (pioneer) of royalty to visit the State of Israel."

Recalling the Queen's efforts on behalf of the Jews of her country during the Holocaust, Mr. Ben-Zvi declared, "We hold her dear and admire her great qualities."

Prof. Jean Baugniet, Honorary Rector of the University of Brussels and President of the Belgian Friends of the Hebrew University, also addressed the ceremony, which was opened by Prof. B. Mazar, President of the University.

A lecture in French by Prof. Michael Avi-Yonah on "The Renaissance of Oriental Art in Palestine During the Roman Period," accompanied by slides, concluded the 40-minute ceremony.

Receives Delegations

Arriving at the campus shortly after 10 a.m., the Queen was ushered into the Guest Room of the Administration Building, where members of two Belgian delegations — Friends of the Hebrew University in Belgium and those who have come for the opening of the Romi and Helen Goldmuntz Museum of Art in Natanya — were presented to her.

The Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, then entered with the Belgian Ambassador, who presented the heads of diplomatic representations in Israel.

They included the Ambassadors of France, Britain, Sweden, the Soviet Union, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Italy, Liberia, Canada and Argentina; the Ministers of Yugoslavia, Rumania, Austria and Burma, the Chargés d'Affaires of the U.S., Brazil, Bulgaria, the Dominican Republic, Finland, Guatemala, Hungary, Mexico, Norway, Czechoslovakia and Turkey.

Down to the Vault

Dr. Yigael Yadin accompanied the Queen and other distinguished guests down to the vault where the Dead Sea Scrolls are kept and explained the work being carried out in connection with the ancient documents. He also escorted them round the exhibition of finds from Hatzor.

The distinguished gathering in the Wise Auditorium rose as the Queen entered, accompanied by the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi, and the national anthems of both countries were played.

Among those present were the Ministers of Police, Agriculture, Health, Transport and Education; the President and Justices of the Supreme Court; the Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive; the State Controller; General von Horn, Chief of Staff of the U.N.T.S.O.; the Director of the U.N. Technical Assistance Programme, Mr. Eric Ward; Mayor Gershon Agron; Directors-General of Ministries; the Greek Catholic Archbishop of Galilee; the Director of the Pontifical Biblical Institute; a representative of the Anglican Church; the Head of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem, and the Director of the Swedish Theological Institute.

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

(Continued from Page One)

cases, it was found that the Ministry did not follow up its loans by constant control to see whether their terms were being fulfilled. As a result the loans were used for purposes other than those specified. This often resulted in Government participation in ventures to a greater degree than originally planned.

Reviewing the activities of the Tenth Anniversary Committee, the Controller lauded its achievements and complimented it for the efficient manner in which it had planned its activities.

In his report on Local Authorities, the Controller pointed out that progress in the elimination or correction of previously reported defects in the field of local government was appreciably less than in the Government Ministries.

The report did not single out specific cases of mismanagement or disregard of the law by various local authorities, but limited itself to general comments on categories of defects that had been mentioned in previous reports and had not been corrected since.

One of the major points made in this connection was the general disregard by the local authorities for the laws that governed their activities. Examples given were the voting and collection of rates and levies without legal authorization, and the carrying out of development projects before their having been passed by the Local Council or approved by the central authorities.

The report also expressed concern over the increasing incidence of dishonesty by local officials, which in many cases could have been averted. Many of these incidents were of a minor character, the report found, such as rate collectors withholding moneys from the local authorities for various lengths of time and indiscriminate use of receipt forms by collectors without sufficient supervision.

Other defects criticized in the report on local authorities included the still frequent award of contracts to firms which had not participated in tenders, or which had not entered the lowest bid, and the waiving of zoning and building code regulations for applicants who made suitable contributions to the local authority.

In the Finance Minister's reply, it is pointed out that the Ministry of Interior had investigated the Controller's claims as to the local authorities' disregard for the law and had found that a good part of it was due to unsuitable regulations dating from Mandatory times which unnecessarily limited the authorities' scope. The Minister added that it had made provisions for amendment of the regulations or their replacement by new laws.

The report also includes a survey of the financial situation of the local authorities and financial reports of all Government-owned or regulated companies.

In his report on the Ministry of Transport, the Controller reiterates the need for constant and systematic control by the Government over both the price and quality of Kaiser-Frazer vehicles. On the latter point, the Controller states that he will go into the matter in greater detail after receiving the report of the expert committee which has been appointed to investigate an internal Government report criticizing the quality of the concern's vehicles.

The report also notes the difficult and unsuitable conditions at the Tel Aviv Vehicle Licensing Office, which results in many drivers having to wait in line for hours.

Discussing his investigation of the ports under the Ministry's supervision, the Controller finds that the Kishon Harbour project hardly even approaches fulfilment of the original hopes placed in it, despite the large sum invested in its construction. The harbour's main raison d'être was to relieve the pressure on Haifa Port, but it had handled only 100,000 tons of cargo since its inception, as compared to the annual two million tons handled by Haifa Port.

The activities of the Shilumim Corporation also come in for criticism. The Controller pointed, as an example, to the wasteful purchase of steel plates for shipbuilding and repairs far in excess of the country's present annual needs.

Cases of discrimination by the Corporation are also cited, and the report claims that such institutions as the Jerusalem Municipality, Habimah, the Chamber Theatre and the Opera were favoured by the Corporation in the grant of low-interest loans for the purchase of equipment and building materials. The Controller notes that the favoured treatment accorded such institutions is easily understandable, but in all these cases the advantage of receiving materials on appreciably easier terms was transferred to building contractors, or to manufacturers of building materials, and did not benefit the institutions directly.

The National Insurance Institute comes in for criticism on two main points:

- The funding of its financial reserves is not in accordance with the Law which established the Institute. This stipulated that the reserves were to be channelled only to constructive investment. (The Institute invests all its reserves through the Ministry of Finance.)
- That it has often adopted a rather equivocal attitude towards claims — an attitude which might be understandable in the case of a private person or insurance company, but is certainly out of place in a national institution.

Tel Aviv Policeman Held for Robbery

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A police sergeant, Haim Hershkovitz, 30, who has been in the Tel Aviv District detective squad for 10 years, was arrested on Monday on suspicion of cooperating with criminals and knowing of a planned robbery, which he did not inform his superiors about.

Police believe that Hershkovitz knew of the planned hold-up of the Bank Leumi Branch in 94 Allenby Road here last year. The cashier of the bank, Shmuel Arie, was detained on Monday on suspicion of being involved in the crime, but was later released on bail.

Hershkovitz is also suspected of having cooperated with known criminals. He was detained at his home at 33 King George Street. It is understood that Police found a plan of the Bank Leumi building in his possession.

Last week, a police sergeant of the Tel Aviv District Detective Squad, Eliahu Cohen, was arrested on suspicion of dealing in narcotics.

Matzkin Wins Haifa Window Display Prize

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Matzkin outfitters in Rehov Herzl were awarded first prize in the Purim window dressing competition organized by the Municipality and the Merchants Association.

The window displayed a rocket to the summit, where Mr. Ben-Gurion and other political leaders of the world were holding a party.

Second prize went to the Maxim cloth shop and the third to the Mehudar outfitters.

In all, 52 shopkeepers took part.

Prizes were awarded to Mr. Y. Bondi, the Deke firm and Mr. Y. Bichler for decorations.

Cypriot Art Show Readied in Flash

Jerusalem Post Staff

An exhibition of paintings by the Cypriot painter George Georghiou was opened at the Bezalel National Museum in Jerusalem yesterday (Tuesday) by Mr. Walter Eytan, Chairman of the Museum's Board of Trustees, who pointed out that the event marked the first cultural exchange between Israel and the new independent republic-to-be.

The well-hung exhibition was put on the walls less than an hour before the opening, as the painter and his works arrived in Haifa the same morning in the s.s. Messapia. The artist had prepared a complete wall plan based on measurements taken during his three-day visit to Israel a month ago and the Bezalel staff, which started unpacking the show at 4 p.m., had no difficulty in completing the job in time.

Mr. Eytan said that the Cyprus press had shown keen interest in the exhibition, hailing the artist as "the first ambassador independent Cyprus had sent abroad." It was, indeed, a happy chance that the exhibition, which had been planned many months ago when the Cyprus crisis was at its height and the problem looked all but insoluble, should be opening at a time when Cyprus was on the eve of independence. He looked forward to close friendly relations between Israel and Cyprus "for ever."

Mr. Georghiou, who responded briefly, is a native of Famagusta and the first Cyprus artist to exhibit in Israel. After graduation from the Greek Gymnasium at Nicosia, he studied law in London. Eighteen years ago, when he was forty, he began to devote himself exclusively to painting. He has held exhibitions at Oxford, Nicosia, London, Paris, Milan and Basle, and has previously visited Israel.

Among those present at the opening ceremony were Mrs. Georghiou; Mr. J. Prato, Diplomatic Representative of Israel in Greece; Mrs. Leshem, representing her husband, Mr. P. Leshem, Consul of Israel at Nicosia; Lady Strabolgi; and Mr. and Mrs. Papavassiliou, of Famagusta, a director of Shoham-Cyprus Ltd. (A review will appear on Friday)

2 Arab Students Dropped For Attacking Israeli

ISTANBUL (INA). — Two Arab students at Istanbul University were on Tuesday suspended for two terms by the University Council for assaulting Isaac Catalan, the only Israel student at the University.

The two Arabs, whose names were withheld, were found responsible for the beating, which took place last January. Catalan, who suffered head injuries in the attack, reported that he had been harassed constantly by Arab students since he entered the University Medical School last year.

Argentine Jewish Farm Group Here

LYDDA AIRPORT. — Fourteen delegates of the Jewish Agricultural Society of Argentina arrived here on Tuesday night to attend the International Farmers Convention which opens in Jerusalem on Sunday.

This is the first official delegation from the Argentine Jewish agricultural community to come to Israel and they will be the guests of the Jezreel Valley settlements of Dovrat, Mizra and Ginegar during the "Farmer to Farmer" week which immediately precedes the Convention.

The group is led by the President of the Jewish Agricultural Society, Mr. David Bril.

Another arrival yesterday for the conference was Prof. P. Bandini, the director of the Land Improvement Department in Sardinia.

Airlines, Starting Summer Trips Today, Foresee Record Season

By PAUL KOHN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — With the introduction of most airlines' summer schedules today (Wednesday), traffic to and from Lydda Airport will be the heaviest ever this summer.

Reports of air traffic in the past month and the bookings of all airlines point to a record tourist season for Israel. Foreign airlines serving Lydda claim that up to 80 per cent of all their passengers have been tourists in the past weeks, and the El Al spokesman stated here on Tuesday that "over half" of the National Airline's passengers have also been tourists. El Al in March carried a 70 per cent load factor in planes landing at Lydda. With a record 19 flights each to and from Lydda, El Al's annual capacity has now risen to 60,000 passengers.

With four Britanniaa, El Al offers the most modern transport out of Lydda, now flying them regularly to Brussels, Amsterdam, Zurich, Paris, London and New York. The airline also flies its Constellations to Athens, Istanbul, Rome, Vienna and Munich. With Arkia Dakotas it will also fly twice weekly to Nicosia, and has chartered a Sabena DC6-B for one weekly flight to Johannesburg, which lands at Kano, Nigeria, and Leopoldville, Belgian Congo.

The foreign airlines flying to Lydda provide a network of direct and frequent flights from here to the main airports of Europe, excluding Eastern Europe, Scandinavia and Spain. Air France is still the only airline serving Lydda with direct flights to the Far East. The French airline has increased its flights to six weekly, four to Europe and two to the Far East.

Alitalia has increased its schedule to three direct Rome flights, the Friday flights continuing non-stop to New York.

Trans-World Airlines will introduce its summer schedules at the end of April, increasing its flights here to four weekly. The American airline flies almost a "sherut" service between Lydda and New York, calling at Athens, Rome, Milan, Zurich and Paris.

British European Airways, with its Viscount turbo-props, offers similar coverage to London, calling in various flights at Nicosia, Ankara, Istanbul, Athens, Rome and Zurich.

Olympic Airways will serve Israel thrice weekly, flying to Athens from where it offers good connections to other parts of Europe.

Swissair retains its two weekly flights, both flying from Athens to Zurich, and K.L.M., the Royal Dutch airline, also has two flights to Amsterdam, one via Rome and the other via Munich.

Sabena, the Belgian airline, has pending its application to the Israel Government for a second flight to Lydda, meanwhile operating a once-weekly flight via Athens and Vienna to Brussels, besides the Johannesburg charter flight.

Airline spokesmen generally are sceptical about the introduction of jet planes to Lydda, claiming that the airport is not ready to accept the long-range planes.

THE ENTIRE area in the vicinity of Rehov Hahabashim in Jerusalem was in complete darkness on Monday night as street lights failed to function. The City Engineer said he did not know the reason for the breakdown when asked by *The Jerusalem Post*.

EILAT INSTALLS GEAR FOR BULK LOADING

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EILAT. — Special bulk loading equipment was installed in the harbour of Eilat on Tuesday to load the port's first large bulk shipment of phosphates on the s.s. Hildegard Doernkamp for delivery to Japan.

The ship, of German registry and on charter to Zim Navigation Company, passed through the Suez Canal and arrived here early Tuesday morning. She anchored offshore. She will be on the regular Eilat-Far East run if this initial venture is successful.

The new equipment, including hoppers and conveyor belts, is expected to be capable of loading 1,000 tons a day. The cargo of the ship will be 5,000 tons of bulk phosphates. Loading is scheduled to begin Wednesday.

Technicians Strike Averted

TEL AVIV.— The threatened strike of technicians set for this Thursday was called off on Tuesday following a meeting here between the leaders of the Technicians Union and the director of the Histadrut Trades Union Department, Mr. A. Becker. Mr. Becker promised that his department would take up their claims for increased fringe benefits and upgrading.

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FOREIGN relations cannot be counted in statistics, and the work of a foreign ministry is like an ice-berg, with most of the substance invisible under the water.

Change Of Atmosphere

These thoughts are bound to recur annually, on the occasion of the statement of the Foreign Minister in the Budget debate in the Knesset, and the resulting discussion. As usual, difficulties and failures—including the interference with cargoes from Israel in the Suez Canal and the stoppage of emigration from Rumania — were in full view, while there could be barely a hint at achievements.

No serious observer today suggests that this country can simply shoot its way out of all difficulties. The Sinai campaign demonstrated that Israel will fight if persistently attacked, and fight effectively. But even the former sabre-rattlers of Herut no longer offer their voters promises of victorious wars. A large measure of security has been established. Israel's ability to survive has been demonstrated, and no one harbours the illusion that even successful warfare could impose peace, friendship and cooperation on the Arab countries.

Such peace, which still remains our chief aim, can be built only in a changed political constellation in the Middle East, in which the Arab states have achieved a measure of genuine independence. This includes emancipation both from their former Western mentors — it is characteristic that King Hussein of Jordan, answering questions at a press conference in Washington, should have indicated that he was not so much opposed to the idea of peace with Israel as not free to consider such a step—and freedom from the danger of **coups** by Nasserite fifth columns, which could whip up popular opposition to any move to come to terms with Israel. Despite all the alarums in this area in the past two years, independence has made some progress. The two weakest states, Jordan and the Lebanon, managed not to fall to Egypt and permit themselves to be annexed, and it is doubtful whether Syria would take such a step today, if faced with the choice anew. Iraq refused any form of fusion, though it may discover in the end that the Soviet taskmaster is even more difficult to escape once his help has been accepted. And certainly one of the chief reasons for this diminution of Nasser's prestige and power is the memory of his dismal failure in the Sinai campaign.

Now that Nasser, unpredictable as ever, has chosen to jeopardize his relations with the Soviet Union, he is no doubt once more a target for the West. Yet the target is less tempting than before because even those who chose to see in him an Arab Cavour, the man who would breathe new life into the Arab world, realize that while independence will and must come in Africa and Asia, it will not come under Nasser's leadership and need not come in the Nasser manner.

Only a few years ago none of the new Afro-Asian countries cared to come out openly against Nasser, or openly demonstrate friendship for Israel. Now that Nasser's claim to be the spearhead and symbol of national emancipation south and east of the Mediterranean has been disproved, hostility to Israel is no longer the badge of freedom, and it is possible for us to find new friends and trading partners. In time, even the Arab countries may be strong enough to follow this lead.

It would be idle to claim that Israel brought about this change in atmosphere single-handedly, but nor has it come about by chance. At the least it was a process that Israel policy-makers foresaw, encouraged, and made the most of.

U.S. Hopes for Neutral Kassem

Observer's Report to Middle East Institute

By JESSE ZEL LURIE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — A FIRST-hand account of how the Iraqi revolutionaries turned against Nasser last summer and what the latest flare-up in Mosul means was given to the 13th annual conference of the Middle East Institute at the Mayflower Hotel here on March 20 by William Polk, an authoritative American observer.

Mr. Polk is a Research Associate at Harvard University's Centre for Middle Eastern Studies. He flew to Iraq soon after the July 14 revolution, arriving in early August. He was again in Iraq in October, returning just a few weeks ago.

The revolutionary situation Mr. Polk found in Baghdad last summer was "classic," he said.

"The first blush was still on the rose and all of the political leaders were united in their desire for building a new system. It was almost impossible to get anyone to decide what this new way of life would be except that it would be better, it would be different."

Aref's Theory

Colonel Aref took it for granted that Pan-Arabism, which almost all of the parties behind the revolution had supported, would be the new way of life. But he was hardly the leader around whom the parties would rally. Polk characterized him as "a man of extreme violence in his political pronouncements and apparently a good deal of naivety in his political manoeuvring."

The politicians of the Ahli (new National Democratic) party and a large section of the Istiqlal party, who had been paying lip service to the unification of the "Arab homeland," veered away from their ostensible goal when it was almost within their grasp. Chief factor in this switch, according to Polk, was the ban on political parties in the U.A.R.

Former Leaders

"None of the older political leaders, who had been suppressed politically most of their lives (by Nuri Said), wanted to enter into a new system which would simply perpetuate their exclusion from the political life of the country."

In addition, these parties received much of their support from the middle class, the business community which feared absorption by the better-organized Egyptians. At the same time the Iraqis felt that their oil-based economy was essentially stronger than the U.A.R.'s and that unification could only weaken the Iraqi sector.

Mr. Polk also found rumours flying around Baghdad of which ministries and other government posts would be taken over by Egyptians and Syrians if Iraq joined the U.A.R. These rumours may have been fed by the Communists, who were suppressed in the U.A.R. and looked upon Iraq as a logical place to resume their open activities.

Rashid Ali's Return

These then were the forces for Iraqi independence led by Kassem. On the other side were the remnants of the pan-Arab movement led by Aref, and presumably by Rashid Ali Gailani, whose return from exile was witnessed by Polk. He was given a tremendous ovation in his parade through the streets of Baghdad. Polk described it as the first "really spontaneous public demonstration" since the July 14 *coup d'état*.

Yet, with "remarkable ease," Polk reported, Kassem was able "to dispose of this right wing of the nationalist movement." By the end of the year, Polk said, "the nationalists were no longer a major threat to him."

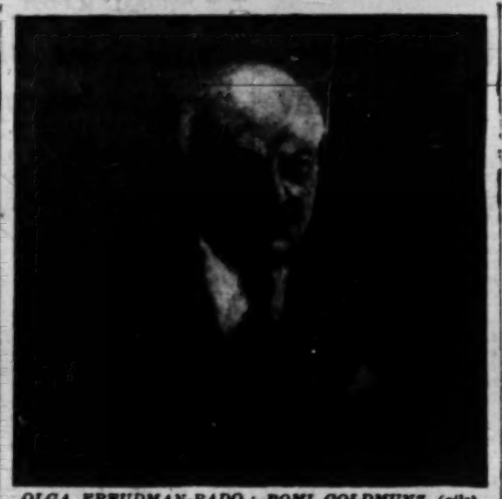
"About this time he must have decided that the Communists and their militia group had become a danger to his regime," Polk continued. "There are a number of isolated events at the end of the year which would indicate that he was beginning to take steps to deal with the left wing and that he was trying to consolidate some kind of position in the middle. This never got very far. There were a number of isolated actions, but no consistent government policy except in the north, where the Communists had never been allowed to function close to the oil fields.

"However, the events of the last few weeks, it seems to me, have once again shown the government of Iraq's position to be one of desperation. It has not been able to deal as conclusively as it had thought with the forces of Arab union and, as a result, the government has once again been forced to swing towards Communist support and away from a centre position."

U.S. Silence

Polk does not believe that the pendulum will swing all the way to the left. He feels sure that Kassem and his followers, many of whom were trained in American universities, will find ways and means to keep Iraq neutral and resume economic ties with the U.S. This thinking is no doubt what lies behind the restraint bordering on complete silence of the State Department with regard to Iraq. Any overt action in support of Kassem would only backfire, they believe, but that doesn't mean that the State Department has been entirely inactive. Polk reported:

"We have, in a quiet sort of way, indicated that we would be quite willing to recommence the help that we had given prior to the coup d'état. There were many indications in January that, again in a quiet sort of way and on a moderate scale, this help was being accepted, and gratefully accepted... The Iraq Government is today negotiating with several American firms for sizeable projects. The new university is anxious to increase its contacts with the West as well as the East... All of the personnel that one deals with in the Iraqi Government are the products of a Western education, and this makes understanding easier... When the Development Board undertakes a project, the engineers are graduates of our universities with our standards.... I seems to me that America's position is thus considerably strengthened."



OLGA FREUDMAN-RADO : ROMI GOLDMUNZ (oils)
Acquired by the Municipality of Natanya. The Goldmuntz Art Museum is being opened in Natanya today.

At the Cinema

"The Seventh Voyage of Sindbad" (Orion, Jerusalem) rolls all the 1001 Nights into a brief two hours with even a dash of Homer thrown in, as the hero (Kerwin Mathews) blinds a *papier maché* giant with a firebrand. Kathy Grant is a charming princess, even after being magically reduced to thumb's size. It's good fun, even if nowhere as good as the unforgotten "Thief of Baghdad."

"Eine Frau, die weiss, was sie will" (Tel Or, Jerusalem) is loosely based on the old musical by Oskar Straus. Lilli Palmer is excellent in what used to be a Massary role par excellence on the stage. Assisted by fine colour photography, the atmosphere of the *fin de siecle* is reproduced with loving gusto. This Bavarian film is classes above the usual run of German-language musicals. *Th.F.M.*

Visitors' Gallery

President of I.C.A.

"ALTHOUGH I'm here on a holiday I'm glad and refreshed to look into the progress of the various villages assisted by the Jewish Colonization Association," said its President, Sir Henry D'avigdor Goldsmid, DSO, MC, who is now revisiting Israel with Lady Goldsmid. They were here together in 1951 and Sir Henry, then a Director of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation, came here with Lord Samuel for talks on the Company's incorporation in the national grid in 1953.

Ramrod-backed Sir Henry, who is a towering six feet three and Conservative M.P for Walsall in the "Black Country," took over his late father's work for the Baron de Hirsch Foundation. He was serving as an Intelligence officer with the B.E.F. in France when his father, the first Baronet, died. He went through Dunkirk, returned to France with the Royal Armoured Corps, was twice decorated and having come through the campaign without a scratch, was wounded on almost the last day of the war.

After the war Sir Henry helped ICA set up a smallholders settlement at Beer Tuvia and another at Kfar Warburg and later became a Director of the Palestine Economic Corporation. He also serves on the Executive Committee that heads the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany, and allocates funds paid by the West German Government. In addition he is Chairman of the Jewish Trust Corporation, which handles unclaimed, heirless and communal property in the former British Zone. He is now conferring here with Jewish Agency leaders who have asked for assistance in raising the standard of living and productivity of several moshavim.

Sir Henry went first to visit a number of settlements in the South as soon as he arrived, and expressed his admiration for the way the new farmers had stuck to their land under the most trying conditions. "We endeavour to use ICA funds to give the farmers help over and above what they would normally receive from the Agency, and thus to give them an easier and better start in life," he said. "The fact that over 90 per cent of them are still working their farms seems a good indication that this assistance is more than justified."

Sir Henry is much impressed by the changes he has noted since his last visit. He feels that the tempo of life here is now more measured, that there is less improvisation and that Israelis are no longer thinking in terms of five-year plans but of whole generations. This was particularly evident after visiting the Weizmann Institute, he said.

Formerly Parliamentary Private Secretary to Mr. Duncan Sandys, Sir Henry feels that there has been considerably more understanding of Israel's position since Sinai. Israel was now regarded by most Government supporters as a political ally in the cold war, he stated.

On learning that Sir Henry gets to Parliament and his bullion broking firm in an Isotta "bubble" car, we expressed our doubts about the effect on the dignity of a man of his height getting out of such a tiny car. "On the contrary," he smiled, "only a tall man can get away with it. No small man can *afford* to be seen getting out of a baby car!"

Now touring the country, the couple will leave for London later this week.

MEIR RONNEN

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TO PARENTS

(Presented by the Department of Agricultural Education, Ministry of Agriculture)

DAY CLASSES

Day classes, until recently in the experimental stage at agricultural schools, have become part of the general picture; day pupils now form a considerable proportion of all pupils attending agricultural schools. This year, the majority of these schools are introducing day classes.

These classes are a sign of the times: all agricultural boarding schools are full, financial aid for the building of additional schools of this kind has been inadequate, and the expansion of agricultural education was threatened in consequence.

The proximity of agricultural schools to towns and the larger villages led to the suggestion that day classes be established in order to exploit the resources of these schools to the utmost, as is the case in many countries.

The routine of day pupils does not differ very much from that of the boarders. They come to school in the morning, and return home in the late afternoon. The schools provide convenient transport and try to compensate for their non-participation in various activities of the boarders by having them spend short periods at the school during festivals and holidays.

In this manner, the study programme ensures that pupils spend the equivalent of one year out of the four at boarding school.

Day classes have been helpful in solving an urgent problem: lowering the cost of study. The cost of educating a pupil at an agricultural school is high; there are the facilities of the boarding school to be paid for — including use of the school farm or farmyard, the laboratory, and much else besides. The cost of attending day classes is 60% that of boarding school. School fees are graded, ranging from IL100 to IL430, and take into account the situation of both the parents and the school.

Many families would like to give their children an agricultural education, but are reluctant to have them leave home. Day classes have solved this problem.

The challenge posed by the lack of adequate funds has thus been turned to good advantage: the introduction of day classes has made agricultural schools accessible to a great many more pupils.

Readers' Letters

REMBRANDT'S "TITUS"

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Referring to Mr. Kohansky's letter (in your issue of today) which quotes Abraham Bredius to warn us that the Rembrandt painting of his son Titus as a monk, now on exhibition in Tel Aviv, may not be authentic, I want to draw your attention to the fact that the same Dr. Bredius reproduced the said work in his book, edited in 1935 (No. 306). He has no doubt about its authenticity and even notes the signature and date! Though he writes in the preface that he has tried to eliminate all the doubtful works which other authors attribute to Rembrandt, Dr. Bredius does include several paintings which are doubtless not by Rembrandt. But most of the great scholars list the portrait of Titus as a genuine one, for instance Wilhelm von Bode in his eight-volume standard work (No. 482), and Hofstede de Groot in his Catalogue of the Dutch Painters, (vol. VI, No. 193). The picture, cleaned after it was bought in 1933 from a Moscow collection for the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, was included in the great Rembrandt exhibition in 1956.

Yours, etc.
KARL SCHWARZ
Tel Aviv, March 19.

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Mr. Kohansky, in your issue of March 18, wrote that the portrait of Rembrandt's son Titus, now on view at the Tel Aviv Museum, may not be authentic, as it is not included in the work of the leading Dutch Rembrandt scholar, the late Dr. A. Bredius. Had he read this work more carefully, or at least leafed through it, he would then have found it reproduced as Plate no. 306 (in the 1935 Dutch edition of the work).

Mr. Kohansky's confusion is probably due to the facts that a) in his one-page introduction to the reproductions, Dr. Bredius indeed states that he has only reproduced those paintings whose authenticity, in his opinion, is beyond doubt, and b) that, listing the paintings under subjects, he does not include it among nos. 119-127, which are portraits of Rembrandt's son Titus. In brackets behind the figures 119-27, he refers, however, in smaller print, to a number of other paintings reproduced in the work which are also genuine Rembrandts, but of which it is not certain beyond all doubt that they represent Titus. Among the latter is no. 306, which he labels "Portrait of a Capucine Monk" (incidentally, the catalogue of the large Rembrandt exhibition held in Amsterdam in the summer of 1956 labels it "Portrait of a Franciscan Monk").

Similarly, the other great 20th century Dutch Rembrandt scholar, the late C. Hofstede de Groot, in his "Beschreibendes und kritisches Verzeichnis der Werke der hervorragenden hollaendischen Maler des XVII. Jahrhunderts" attributes it without any shadow of a doubt to Rembrandt.

Yours, etc.,
HENRIETTE BOAS
Amsterdam, March 20.

KASHRUT SERVICE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We were interested to read a recent analysis in your Marginal Column of the difficulties encountered by the El-Al airline and the Zim line in attracting passengers. Several of the points raised require further discussion. While we can agree with the author that service on Israel lines is not up to the standards of other lines, his remarks on *kashrut* and other religious observances were based on less solid foundations.

It is almost axiomatic that an Israel line will attract mainly Jewish passengers. Although there may be some who object to the restrictions imposed by a *kasher* cuisine, the abolition or diminution of *kashrut* would discourage many more passengers than it would attract. It only suffices to notice the number of passengers who wear skull caps on any sailing to convince oneself of this point. Furthermore, there are many who are not themselves orthodox, but who, for reasons of sentiment, prefer a more patently Jewish atmosphere to one that they can easily obtain on one of the better endowed foreign lines.

The number of non-Jews who are discouraged by not being able to have butter with a meat course is moot (KLM serves parve margarine with its *kasher* meals), but the number of Jews who require *kashrut* is significant. There is no reason to make *kashrut* a special service on a Jewish line. Apart from purely religious arguments, we think that good business procedures argue this point.

Yours, etc.
DR. GEORGE H. WEISS
DR. JACOB BABAD
Rehovot, March 29.

LICENCE RENEWAL

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On February 10, I renewed my radio licence for the fiscal year 1959-60 at the Tel Aviv main post office, after the name and number of the licence were appropriately recorded by the postal clerk.

In spite of my renewal, I was astounded to receive a warning note a few days ago from the local police station, to the effect that if I did not renew the radio licence within the next fortnight my case would be taken to court.

First of all I don't see any reason at all why the postal authorities should have instructed the police to deal with delays of expired radio licences, no matter how long ago they expired. Secondly, this shows a hopeless state of inefficiency. Politeness campaigns will not help very much to change the public's skeptical attitude towards our civil servants as long as such blunders still occur.

Yours, etc.
"BEWILDERED"
(Name and Address Supplied)
Tel Aviv, March 20.

INSURANCE DEVALUED

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Many life insurance policies were taken out, and mortgages given, before 1948, when the Palestine Pound was almost equal in value to the Pound Sterling.

Since then the Israel Pound has been devalued, but the assets of the Insurance Companies have attained a higher money value as a result of the devaluation of our currency, and the value of houses and plots has been maintained or in most cases has even increased.

It would therefore only be just if the Government were to introduce a bill re-evaluating life insurance and mortgages to a certain extent.

Yours, etc.,
H. W. KAISER-BLUTH
Tel Aviv, February.

YESTERDAY'S PRESS COMMENT

School Plan Prohibitive

Ha'aretz (non-party) finds it difficult to fathom the Government's generosity in approving the draft bill for free and compulsory secondary school education. In view of the Government's heavy financial commitments, this is not the time to introduce additional social welfare services, desirable though they may be. Even the looming elections cannot justify an alteration of the scale of real priorities in Government tasks, and the turn of secondary education has not yet arrived.

Hatzofe (National Religious) is dissatisfied with the Education Minister's evasive reply to the complaint that his Ministry is doing nothing to train religious secondary school teachers and finds that there is an anti-religious vein in his entire approach to orthodox education. The paper counters his argument that those who have thrown off religious practice are the country's real pioneers and builders by pointing out that orthodox education is on the upgrade precisely because secular education has disappointed many sections of the population, and the will of the parents will overcome the Minister's obstructionism.

Davar (Histadrut) finds that we may draw courage from the past achievements as well as from the horizons that are opening before us after the Foreign Minister's survey of our foreign relations.

Commenting on Hussein's TV interview in the United States and his assertion that no one Arab country will dare to make peace with Israel, **Haboker** (General Zionist) observes that the Arabs are so divided amongst themselves in internal issues that they cannot be expected to unite just in order to conclude a peace with Israel. Nevertheless Hussein, who has displayed not a small measure of courage, may yet take the first step and the time may come when he will review our Army parade from our own reviewing stand and not through field glasses from the Old City wall.

Hamodia (World Aguda) writes that the storm that broke out in the Jerusalem Municipal Council this week is only one sign of the nervousness that has gripped the coalition in view of its imminent "dethronement."

MUSICAL DIARY

Duo Doubts

22nd Concert of Chamber Music. Ilona Vincze-Kraus and Edith Kraus, pianos. (Tel Aviv, March 28, Museum.) J.S. Bach: Sonata in D-minor; Mozart-Busoni: Fantasia K. 608, Duettino Concertante; Brahms: Variations on a theme by Haydn; Ravel: Rapsodie Espagnole, La Valse.

TO give an exact, yet interesting and varied performance on two pianos is no easy task. This task is somewhat aggravated if the compositions performed are known orchestral works. To produce all the complex musical webwork, inner melodic lines and tone volume of the Brahms variations is a difficult and unrewarding enterprise. Although the pianists' teamwork was, in general, good and balanced, the performance was unimpressive.

Why should we listen to the performance of a beautiful orchestral work in a form which can never reproduce its true aesthetic musical values? If transcriptions of Rapsodie Espagnole and La Valse, why not of a Beethoven symphony? This raises a somewhat serious question about the value of such duo piano recitals. Be it as it may, the rendering of the Ravel works was not a very impressive reflection of the so richly coloured and tremendously intriguing orchestral scores.

The sole exceptions were Bach and Mozart. Bach got an exact and discreet interpretation. Mozart's Fantasy, however, a serious and profound work that is much too rarely performed, was the best item on the programme.

B. BAR-AM

Canada Concert

Gala Canada Day Concert presented by the Hebrew University. The Kol Yisrael Orchestra; Alexander Brott, conductor (Wise Auditorium, University Campus, Jerusalem, March 30.) Beethoven: "Leonore" Overture No. 3, op. 72a; Murray Adaskin: "Serenade Concertante"; Claude Champagne: "Danse Villageoise"; Alexander Brott: Three Movements from "Critic's Corner"; Beethoven: Symphony No. 3, op. 55.

TO mark the inauguration of the Law Building, the Hebrew University presented a special concert in which the Canadian Composer Alexander Brott conducted the Kol Yisrael Orchestra.

The opening overture could not be fully appreciated, as two photographers persistently disturbed concentrated listening by their industrious efforts to fix the conductor and the distinguished guests on films for historical records. But it was evident from the start that Alexander Brott had the orchestra well in hand. Although rehearsal time must have been limited, the whole programme sounded well prepared, and the musicians followed the economical directions of the conductor with careful attention. The three short pieces by Canadian composers made us wish to hear more Canadian music, hitherto unknown in our country. Adaskin's unpretentious "Serenade Concertante" makes pleasant listening, whilst the "Danse Villageoise" by Claude Champagne, with its folkloristic mood, has an immediate appeal, both works employing transparent but effective orchestration. Alexander Brott's "Critic's Corner," scored for string orchestra and two percussion players, showed the interesting and inventive personality of a composer whom one would like to hear again.

Mr. Brott's interpretation of Beethoven's "Eroica" may not be wholly acceptable, but then such phenomena as the slowing down of the second subject in the first movement, the slight restlessness of the *Adagio assai* or the lack of sufficient *brio* in the finale may have been caused by the tiredness of the orchestra after a full day's hard work. Brott nevertheless succeeded in giving proof of his profound ability as conductor, and the high technical standard of the orchestra's playing showed his experience and capability in preparing an ambitious programme in a short time.

The sensitive acoustics of the Wise Auditorium brought out very clearly the limited brilliance of the string body, which is in need of augmentation to strengthen its tone volume and technical proficiency.

Y. BOEHM

Bick's Baton

NOT many musicians in our country can look back on such a life of inexhaustible pioneering as the Haifa composer and choir-leader, Mr. Moshe Bick. Born in Southern Russia, he became the synagogue's favourite choir soloist at the age of six and at 12 he conducted the synagogue choir. In Kishinev he took part in a conductors' competition that won him an appointment as the synagogue's choir-leader; at the same time he organized the first Jewish Labour Choir.

Bick came to this country 38 years ago. To make a living he worked building roads, easing the hard work by singing with his fellow-workers. After a day's trying work the youth brought their instruments to their meetings, forming the country's first orchestra. As there was no printed music available, Bick had to write the tunes and arrangements himself, and some of his melodies are so popular that people do not know who wrote them.

Settling in Haifa, Bick founded the first Haifa Labour Choir and Orchestra in 1925. The latter is still known as the Hapoel Orchestra. To rehearse his newly founded Mandoline Orchestra in Nesher, he used to walk from Haifa to Nesher and back. While perfecting his knowledge of composition in Paris in 1933/34, he founded a choir in which the Zionist youth of the French capital joined.

An important part of Bick's musical activity has been the transcription of Yiddish Folksongs by Engel, Zeira, Shalem, Postolsky and others for mixed choirs. It is a treasure of 800 works, including children's songs, melodies to Biblical verses, solo parts for vocal and piano accompaniment, liturgical music and compositions for children's plays.

Today Bick, at 60, is a popular music teacher and conductor of choirs in Haifa and its outskirts. Full of youthful energy, he is one of the city's central musical personalities.

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